

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Support for the Amendments

The amendments to the specification are corrections of obvious typographical errors. The limitations added to claim 1 are taken from the specification at page 4, paragraph [0010], lines 25-28, and at page 5, paragraph [0011], lines 7-8. The new claims recite limitations that appear in these same paragraphs. No new matter is presented.

Claim Objections

The informality in claim 1 (a) is corrected by the above amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

With the addition to claim 1 of the limitation to liquid aliphatic C₁₅-C₂₀ hydrocarbons and dialkyl ethers, all claims are patentably distinct over the disclosure of Gregoli et al. Gregoli et al. require the inclusion of an emulsifying agent that is a long-chain polyether with an aromatic group and a chain of at least four C₂H₅O groups. There is no suggestion in Gregoli et al. of the use of liquid aliphatic hydrocarbons, exemplified by mineral oil, or of dialkyl ethers, exemplified by diethyl ether, as emulsion stabilizers.


Double Patenting

This rejection is obviated by the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Should any matters remain that can be resolved by a conference with Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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